



Great Smoky Mountains National Park
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The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

A Downloadable Park

Location: Tennessee-North Carolina

Partner(s): Great Smoky Mountains Association

Partner Website: www.smokiesstore.org

Total Cost: \$80,000

Proposal # 137528

Summary: Great Smoky Mountains National Park would like to add video podcasts to its website for use in trip planning, student research, and to enrich on-site experiences of visitors. Technology presents many opportunities to enhance park visitors' experiences, increase safety, and further public understanding of issues facing the park. People with disabilities who could not otherwise experience certain aspects of the park could also use them. The park is developing a program with a local university to allow students to produce podcasts for the park's website. The desire is to continue to work with college-age students majoring in film, theater, and music to ensure that many of the podcasts can serve the 15-25 age range in a way that makes parks relevant to them. At the same time, park subject matter experts will also produce additional podcasts that would be of interest to a wide range of audiences.

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